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PATENT 2185-0514P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Tatsuo TATENO et al. Conf.:

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Appl. No.:

09/783,031

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For:

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FATTY ACID ESTERS

AND FUELS COMPRISING FATTY ACID ESTER

LARGE ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 July 9, 2003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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						TOTAL	\$0.00

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	Respectfully submitted,			
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Va. 22313

July 9, 2003 Wednesday

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Amend the claims as follows: